

Making your life evergreen



BACKGROUND

Established in 2024, Oshikoto College of Agriculture (OCA) was founded to address the growing need for skilled agricultural practitioners in Namibia. Our institution is dedicated to providing quality training in Horticulture and Crop Production (NTA Level 2), Livestock Husbandry (NTA Level 2) and Farm Management (NTA Level 2), guided by the Namibia Training Authority (NTA) framework.

Namibia faces significant challenges, including dependency on imported agricultural products, high unemployment rates and limited access to agricultural education, particularly for vulnerable groups. OCA aims to tackle these challenges by empowering students, unemployed youth and vulnerable populations with practical skills and knowledge to create sustainable livelihoods.

Our courses are designed to produce skilled graduates who can transform Namibia's agricultural landscape by increasing self-sufficiency, promoting agricultural entrepreneurship and contributing to the nation's economic development. By equipping our trainees with modern, environmentally friendly farming techniques, we aim to reduce reliance on imported food and strengthen Namibia's position in the global market through the export of high-quality agricultural products.

OCA also strives to improve the socio-economic well-being of communities by fostering innovation, self-reliance and entrepreneurial spirit. Through partnerships with industry stakeholders, we provide learners with opportunities to engage in hands-on training and entrepreneurship development. We believe that by investing in people, we can cultivate a greener Namibia while improving food security and uplifting communities across the nation.

MISSION

To provide high-quality, practical agricultural training that empowers learners to excel in sustainable farming, contribute to food security, socio-economic development and drive Namibia's green transformation.

VISION

To become Namibia's leading agricultural training institution, nurturing skilled professionals who drive innovation, sustainability and economic growth in the agricultural sector.

CORE VALUES

At OCA, we strive to uphold the following values:

Sustainability

Empowerment

Innovation

Integrity

Collaboration

Excellence

OUR COMMITMENT

Oshikoto College of Agriculture is committed to:

- Reducing Namibia's dependency on food imports by developing skilled farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs.
- Enhancing food security and contributing to the nation's economic growth through agricultural exports.
- Supporting the socio-economic empowerment of marginalized and vulnerable groups by providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture to address current and future challenges.

WHY CHOOSE OSHIKOTO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE?

Oshikoto College of Agriculture (OCA) stands out as the first agricultural training institution in the entire Oshikoto region, making it a pioneering hub for agricultural education. This unique positioning provides students in the region access to top-tier agricultural training without needing to travel far, saving both time and resources while creating a local centre of excellence.

OCA is not just another agricultural institution in the country; it is a transformative space dedicated to empowering individuals and communities with the knowledge, skills and opportunities needed to thrive in Namibia's agricultural sector.

Here's why OCA is the best choice for your agricultural training:

1. CUTTING-EDGE TRAINING COURSES

OCA offers comprehensive, NTA-accredited Level 2 courses in Horticulture and Crop Husbandry, Livestock Husbandry and Farm Management, ensuring that students gain the latest skills and techniques required for success in the agricultural industry. Our curriculum emphasizes sustainability, environmental conservation and entrepreneurial growth to prepare graduates for modern agricultural challenges.

2. PRACTICAL, HANDS-ON LEARNING

We believe in learning by doing. At OCA, students engage in practical, hands-on training that bridges the gap between theory and real-world application. With access to modern farming tools, demonstration plots and livestock facilities, our students graduate ready to make an immediate impact in the field.

3. EMPOWERING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

OCA is committed to empowering unemployed youth, vulnerable groups and individuals passionate about agriculture by providing accessible, affordable education. We believe in creating equal opportunities for all to help uplift communities and foster self-reliance.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO NAMIBIA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Namibia imports a significant percentage of its agricultural products, but at OCA, we are training the next generation of farmers to change that. Our graduates play a crucial role in reducing the nation's dependency on imports by producing high-quality, locally grown food.

5. A PLATFORM FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Agriculture is not just about farming; it is a business. OCA equips students with the entrepreneurial skills needed to start and manage successful agribusinesses. From sustainable farming techniques to value-added product development, we encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in every course.

6. DEDICATED TO SUSTAINABILITY

Our core value of sustainability drives everything we do. We teach environmentally friendly farming methods and encourage resource-efficient practices to ensure that agricultural activities contribute to a greener, healthier planet.

7. STRONG INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

At OCA, we collaborate with industry stakeholders, government agencies and community leaders to ensure our training remains relevant and impactful. These partnerships provide our students with internships, mentorship courses and employment opportunities upon graduation.

8. A VISION FOR NAMIBIA'S FUTURE

OCA is more than an educational institution; it's a vision for Namibia's agricultural transformation. By choosing OCA, you are joining a movement to make Namibia self-sufficient, enhance food security and position the country as a global exporter of quality agricultural products.

9. A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Our instructors are highly experienced and passionate about agriculture. With a focus on excellence, we provide a supportive learning environment where every student can thrive and achieve their fullest potential.

10. A UNIQUE FOCUS ON COMMUNITY IMPACT

Our mission extends beyond academics. At OCA, we are driven by the desire to improve the socio-economic lives of people across Namibia. By empowering individuals with agricultural skills, we help build stronger, more resilient communities.

COURSES OFFERED AT OCA

- National Vocational Certificate in Horticulture and Crop Husbandry (Level 2)
- National Vocational Certificate in Livestock Husbandry (Level 2)
- National Vocational Certificate in Farm Management (Level 2)

LEVEL 2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of Grade 10 completion or equivalent qualification with an E symbol in English.

BASIC LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS.

A certified copy of ID/Passport.

A passion for working with animals and learning modern livestock practices.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

All the courses are offered on a full-time basis.

All the courses are offered in English as the medium of instruction.

CAREER PROSPECTS FOR NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE COURSES AT OCA



NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE AND CROP HUSBANDRY (LEVEL 2)

Graduates of this course will be equipped with skills in sustainable crop production, horticultural practices and environmental conservation. Career prospects include:

- Farm manager for crop production farms
- Horticulturist in nurseries, landscaping companies, or gardening businesses
- Crop production Supervisor in agricultural enterprises
- Agricultural extension officer assisting farmers in adopting best agricultural practices
- Sustainability consultant for agriculture and environmental organisations
- Entrepreneur in horticultural businesses such as crop production, vegetable farming or landscaping

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY (LEVEL 2)

Graduates will gain knowledge and hands-on experience in animal husbandry, livestock management and animal health care. Career prospects include:

- Livestock farm manager managing cattle, sheep, goats or poultry farms
- Animal health technician working with veterinary professionals to care for livestock
- Livestock Husbandry supervisor overseeing day-to-day operations of livestock farms
- Animal husbandry specialist in government departments, NGOs or private companies
- Farm animal sales representative for companies selling feed, equipment and health products
- Entrepreneur in livestock farming or livestock-related businesses such as dairy production or poultry farming



NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN FARM MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 2)

Graduates will acquire the skills to manage farm operations, from financial planning to operational management. Career prospects include:

Farm manager overseeing overall farm operations and profitability

Farm operations coordinator ensuring smooth day-to-day management of farm activities

Agricultural consultant advising farms and businesses on best practices for profitability and sustainability

Agribusiness manager overseeing operations of agricultural enterprises or cooperatives

Supply chain manager managing the distribution of farm products

Entrepreneur in agricultural enterprises, including managing or starting new farming businesses

These qualifications also provide pathways to the National Vocational Certificate in Horticulture and Crop Husbandry Level 3, the National Vocational Certificate in Livestock Husbandry Level 3 and the National Vocational Certificate in Farm Management Level 3.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR COURSES OFFERED BY OCA

Oshikoto College of Agriculture (OCA) follows a clear and straightforward admission process to ensure a fair and transparent selection of candidates for its courses.

STEPS IN THE ADMISSION PROCESS:

1. APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Obtain the application form from OCA's Admissions Office.

Complete the application form accurately and attach the required documents, including:

Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts.

Prospective students must provide the following certified supporting documents:

- Grade 10 certificate.
- Grade 11 certificate.
- Grade 12 certificate (new or old curriculum).

A copy of your identification document (e.g., national ID or passport).

2. APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Ensure the application form and required documents are submitted before the deadline of 26 January 2025. Late applications may not be considered.

3. **ELIGIBILITY SCREENING:**

Applications are screened to verify that the minimum admission requirements are met:

Basic literacy and numeracy skills.

A minimum age of 16 years.

Interest in agriculture and related activities.

4. ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE):

Applicants may be required to complete an aptitude test or interview to assess their suitability for the chosen course.

5. ADMISSION NOTIFICATION:

Successful applicants will receive an admission offer via email or phone.

Admission letters will include details about course start dates, registration procedures and tuition payment requirements.

6. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:

Admitted students must complete registration by submitting required documents and paying the tuition fees by the specified deadline.

7. ORIENTATION:

New students will participate in an orientation course to familiarise themselves with OCA policies, facilities and course requirements.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office for any inquiries or assistance during the application process. Priority may be given to unemployed youth, vulnerable groups and individuals demonstrating a strong commitment to agriculture.

APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Oshikoto College of Agriculture (OCA) is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all individuals, including applicants with disabilities. We value diversity and believe that everyone deserves equal access to quality education and training opportunities.

OCA strives to accommodate the specific needs of students with disabilities by providing reasonable adjustments and support to ensure their success in our courses. Facilities and resources are being developed to enhance accessibility and create an inclusive environment for all.

OCA warmly encourages individuals with disabilities to apply for admission into our courses. We believe that diversity strengthens our institution and enhances the agricultural sector by incorporating diverse perspectives and talents.

APPLICATION APPEALS

If a prospective student wishes to appeal the outcome of their application for admission into the courses offered by

OCA, the following process must be followed:

1. SUBMISSION OF APPEAL:

Appeals must be submitted either as a formal letter or via email to the Admissions Office.

Appeals submitted through any other means will not be considered.

2. APPEAL FEE:

A non-refundable fee of N\$300 must be paid when submitting the appeal.

This fee will be fully refunded if the appeal is successful.

3. REVIEW PROCESS:

All appeals will be assessed by an independent Appeals Board to ensure impartiality and fairness.

4. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAL:

Only the applicant is allowed to lodge an appeal, except in cases where the applicant is under 18 years of age.

For applicants under 18, the appeal must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian on their behalf.

Appeals from third parties will not be considered under any circumstances.

5. INTEGRITY OF INFORMATION:

Any falsification of information during the appeal process will result in immediate nullification of the appeal.

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS AT OCA

After receiving an official offer of admission from OCA, students are required to complete the registration process to secure their place in the chosen course. Upon receiving an admission offer, students must confirm their acceptance by submitting the signed acceptance form to the Admissions Office within the stipulated time frame. To secure a place in the course, students are required to pay the applicable fees as outlined in the OCA Fees Structure and adhere to the OCA Refund Policy. Proof of payment must be submitted to the Admissions Office for verification. Once the payment and document verification are completed, students will receive confirmation of registration and access to the course timetable and orientation details.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Students who fail to pay the required fees within the deadline risk losing their place in the course. Any queries regarding the registration process should be directed to the Admissions Office for clarification.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE AT OCA

OCA understands that unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a student's withdrawal from their course. To ensure a smooth and transparent process, the following steps must be followed:

1. SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN REQUEST:

Students who wish to withdraw must submit a formal written withdrawal request to the Admissions Office.

The request should clearly state the reasons for the withdrawal and include any supporting documents, if applicable.

2. EVALUATION BY THE PRINCIPAL:

The principal will evaluate all withdrawal requests to ensure that the decision aligns with the student's best interests and complies with institutional policies.

3. ADHERENCE TO THE OCA REFUND POLICY:

It is critical that students initiate their withdrawal within the first three weeks of course commencement to be eligible for a refund as per the OCA Refund Policy.

Refunds, if applicable, will be processed in line with the policy's terms and conditions.

4. RETURN OF OCA PROPERTY:

Any materials, books, or equipment issued by OCA must be returned in good condition before the withdrawal is finalised.

5. FINAL NOTIFICATION:

Once the withdrawal request is approved, the student will receive written confirmation from the Admissions Office, outlining the effective date of withdrawal and any other pertinent details.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Students withdrawing after the three-week period will not be eligible for a refund, except in exceptional circumstances approved by the principal.

Falsifying information or non-compliance with the withdrawal procedure may lead to penalties or rejection of the withdrawal request.

OCA encourages students to consult with their instructors or the Admissions Office before making a final decision to withdraw, as alternative solutions or support may be available.

FEES STRUCTURE AT OCA

REGISTRATION FEES

Amount: N\$ 4000

NOTES:

Non-refundable.

Paid during the registration process to secure admission.

ASSESSMENT FEES

Practical - N\$ 2100

Theory - N\$ 900

NTA ASSESSMENT FEES

Non-refundable NTA fees - N\$ 500

This fee is paid directly to the Namibia Training Authority (NTA) for the final assessment.

Non-refundable and must be paid prior to the assessment.

REASSESSMENT FEES

Applicable if a student does not pass a course and needs to retake an assessment.

Theory Reassessment Fee: N\$ 1700

Practical Reassessment Fee: N\$ 2700

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT FEES

Amount: N\$ 1,000 - Non-refundable

NOTES:

Charged for OCA's internal evaluations, separate from NTA assessments.

TRAINING MATERIALS

Amount - 1000

Covers handouts and manuals

Overalls, safety shoes, gloves, student card - N\$ 900

NON-ATTENDANCE FEES

Applicable if a student fails to attend required classes or practical sessions without valid justification:

Theory Non-Attendance Fee: N\$ 300 per three sessions missed.

Practical Non-Attendance Fee: N\$ 500 per three sessions missed.

NOTE:

Students are encouraged to attend all sessions and assessments to avoid additional fees.

Ensure all fees are paid on time to avoid delays in registration or participation.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

FULL PAYMENT

Students may choose to pay the full tuition and associated fees upfront.

This option secures immediate confirmation of the student's place in the course.

A 5% discount on tuition fees is offered for full payments made before the registration deadline.

PAYMENT PLANS

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OPTION:

Students can pay their fees in installments based on a predefined payment schedule.

A deposit of 50% of the total tuition fees is required at the time of registration.

The remaining balance must be cleared in equal monthly installments.

All fees must be fully paid before the final assessment.

SPONSORSHIP PAYMENTS

OCA accepts payments from sponsors, such as:

- Government institutions.
- Private organizations.
- NGOs or individual sponsors.

A sponsorship letter must be submitted at the time of registration, detailing the financial coverage offered.

PAYMENT METHODS

OCA accepts payments through the following methods:

- Direct Bank Deposit: Payments can be made to OCA's official bank account. Proof of payment must be submitted to the Finance Office.
- 2. Cash Payments: Cash payments can be made directly at OCA's Finance Office during working hours.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds are governed by OCA's Refund Policy.

Fees paid are refundable under specific conditions, such as withdrawal within the first two weeks of the course.

Non-refundable fees include registration fees, NTA assessment fees and internal assessment fees.

Cancellations made four weeks (or more) after registration are not eligible for a refund.

Cancellations made within the first four weeks after registration are eligible for a 50% refund of the tuition fees.

Please note that all refunds, regardless of the reason for cancellation, will incur a N\$290 transaction and administration fee. This fee will be deducted from the total refund amount.

PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENT

A 5% penalty is applied for late payment of installment dues.

Students failing to meet payment deadlines may be suspended from attending classes and assessments.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

All payment agreements must be finalized before the course commencement.

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING

At OCA, examinations and grading are designed to ensure students acquire and demonstrate the necessary skills and knowledge for their respective courses. The examination and grading process follows these key principles:

- Examinations are conducted at the end of each semester.
- They include both theory-based assessments and practical examinations to evaluate students' understanding and application of skills.

To be eligible to sit for the semester examinations, students must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain at least 95% attendance in lectures and 95% attendance in practical sessions throughout the semester.
- Students are allowed to be absent for no more than 2 days per month.
- All required tests, assignments and projects must be completed and submitted.
- All tuition and examination fees must be fully paid as per the payment agreement.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading at OCA incorporates multiple assessment types, each contributing to the final grade for the module or course. The breakdown is as follows:

THEORY:

- 70% Semester Examination: Assessing students' understanding of theoretical concepts.
- 30% Continuous Assessment: Includes class tests, assignments and participation.
- Practical:
- 60% Practical Examination: Evaluates hands-on skills and technical proficiency.
- 40% Continuous Practical Assessment: Includes tasks and projects conducted during practical sessions.
- Attachment/Internship report:
- Contributes 15% of the final grade.
- Students are required to submit a detailed report on their attachment experience, showcasing applied knowledge and fieldwork achievements.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION AT OCA

At OCA, supplementary examinations are designed to give students an additional chance to meet the academic standards required to pass a module.

A student may be admitted to a supplementary examination if they fail to achieve at least 49% in their ordinary examination.

Students who score between 0-48% in their assessment may apply for a second opportunity examination upon:

- Submitting a written application.
- Paying a non-refundable fee of N\$350 per unit standard on or before the rewrite.

If a student fails the second opportunity, they may apply for another examination attempt by:

- Submitting a written application.
- Paying a non-refundable fee of N\$1,200 per unit standard on or before the rewrite.

CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

Attendance: A student who has been admitted to a supplementary examination but fails to report for it will be awarded the result obtained in their first examination and no further examination opportunity will be granted.

GRADING: The mark obtained in the supplementary examination will replace the ordinary examination mark regardless of whether it is higher or lower.

ACADEMIC EXCLUSION POLICY

1. FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

A first-year student will be excluded on academic grounds if they fail to achieve at least 75% of their credits within the academic year.

2. FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

A student will also face exclusion on academic grounds if they fail to meet the required academic standards within a four-year period.

3. READMISSION AFTER EXCLUSION

A student who has been excluded on academic grounds may apply for readmission after serving the exclusion period, provided they:

Have no police record or disciplinary actions against the institution.

LEVEL 2 UNIT STANDARDS - NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE AND CROP HUSBANDRY

Qualification Award Criteria

This qualification will be awarded to students who have:

- Achieved a minimum of 120 credits.
- Successfully met the requirements of both the compulsory and elective sections of the program.

Students must fulfill these criteria to be eligible for certification.

COMPULSORY UNITS

All the unit standards listed below are required.

- Apply soil sampling techniques and soil fertility and conditioning amendments and practices
- Demonstrate introductory knowledge of soil, water, nutrient and plant interactions
- Demonstrate knowledge of crop agriculture in Namibia
- Demonstrate knowledge of soil and water conservation and appropriate relevant technology
- Demonstrate understanding of sustainable, ecological and organic agriculture
- Produce compost
- Propagate plants
- Report pests, diseases, disorders and weeds in crops
- Harvest field crops
- Handle farm animals

- Provide water, feeds and supplements to livestock
- Operate farm vehicles, tractors and stationary engines
- Operate simple farm machinery
- Operate simple irrigation systems
- Use and maintain hand and power farm tools
- Provide water for farming operations
- Apply basic financial literacy skills for agribusiness
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic economic principles of farming
- Use workplace English in agricultural operations
- Work effectively in the agricultural industry
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic environmental principles in agriculture
- Provide basic first aid
- Demonstrate basic awareness of HIV and AIDS
- Apply fundamental computer literacy skills
- Apply basic numeracy skills in a workplace environment
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic workplace health and safety
- Interact with others in a workplace environment

ELECTIVES

- Establish field crops
- Establish field crops in sustainable, ecological and organic agriculture
- A minimum of 4 credits is required from the following two-unit standards
- Establish vegetable crops
- Establish vegetable crops in ecological, sustainable and organic agriculture
- Apply pest, disease, disorder and weed management measures in sustainable, ecological and organic crop production
- Apply pest, disease, disorder and weed treatments
- Conduct post-harvest operations for field crops
- Handle horticultural produce after harvest
- Produce fodder crops
- Conduct basic fruit production techniques
- Conduct basic gardening, nursery and ornamental plant techniques and operations

Additional credits from the following group must be taken to complete the requirement of a total of 120 credits for the qualification of which 27 are elective (dependent on how many credits are taken from the above paired choices).

- Carry out basic animal health maintenance
- Conduct Livestock Identification
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology of farm animals
- Milk dairy animals
- Carry out basic repair and maintenance of water infrastructure and pumps on the farm
- Carry out maintenance of simple irrigation systems
- Carry out basic repair and maintenance of simple farm machinery
- Conduct basic arc welding and repair of metal structures
- Use draught animals

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY (LEVEL 2)

QUALIFICATION AWARD CRITERIA

This qualification will be awarded to students who have:

- Achieved a minimum of 120 credits.
- Successfully met the requirements of both the compulsory and elective sections of the program.

Students must fulfill these criteria to be eligible for certification.

COMPULSORY

All the unit standards listed below are required.

- Care for support animals
- Carry out basic animal health maintenance
- Carry out basic breeding of common livestock species
- Conduct Livestock Castration
- Conduct Livestock Identification
- Demonstrate knowledge of caring for farm animals before during and after birth
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology of farm animals
- Handle farm animals
- Maintain housing for livestock
- Provide water, feeds and supplements to livestock
- Demonstrate knowledge of condition of rangeland and use by livestock
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic environmental principles in agriculture
- Provide water for farming operations
- Maintain farm fences, crush pens and kraals
- Demonstrate introductory knowledge of soil, water, nutrient and plant interactions
- Demonstrate knowledge of soil and water conservation and appropriate relevant technology
- Demonstrate understanding of sustainable, ecological and organic agriculture
- Produce fodder crops
- Use and maintain hand and power farm tools
- Apply basic financial literacy skills for agribusiness
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic economic principles of farming
- Provide Basic First Aid
- Demonstrate basic awareness of HIV and AIDS
- Apply fundamental computer literacy skills
- Apply basic numeracy skills in a workplace environment
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of workplace health and safety
- Use workplace English in agricultural operations
- Work effectively in the agricultural industry
- Interact with others in a workplace environment

ELECTIVES

A minimum of 21 credits is required from the following unit standards.

- Dehorn calves
- · Dock tails of sheep and pigs
- Slaughter farm animals
- Shear sheep
- Handle eggs
- Use horses for livestock handling
- Milk dairy animals
- Pelt Swakara
- Carry out basic repair and maintenance of water infrastructure and pumps on the farm
- Construct fences, crush pens and kraals
- Demonstrate an understanding of energy sources used on a farm
- Operate simple farm machinery
- Apply soil sampling techniques and soil fertility and conditioning amendments and practices
- Produce compost
- Establish field crops
- Harvest field crops
- Establish vegetable crops
- Harvest fruit and vegetable crops

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN FARM MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 2)

QUALIFICATION AWARD CRITERIA

This qualification will be awarded to students who have:

- Achieved a minimum of 120 credits.
- Successfully met the requirements of both the compulsory and elective sections of the program.

Students must fulfill these criteria to be eligible for certification.

COMPULSORY

- All the unit standards listed below are required.
- Apply farm safety and health practices
- Prepare Soil for Planting
- Manage livestock feeding
- Maintain farm infrastructure
- Record keeping for farm operations
- Operate farm machinery safely
- Provide Basic First Aid
- Demonstrate basic awareness of HIV and AIDS
- Apply fundamental computer literacy skills
- Apply basic numeracy skills in a workplace environment
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of workplace health and safety

- Use workplace English in agricultural operations
- Work effectively in the agricultural industry
- Interact with others in a workplace environment
- Electives

A minimum of 20 credits is required from the following unit standards.

- Irrigation techniques
- Compost production and application
- Farm waste management practices
- Pest and Disease Control Techniques

